

Friday @ the Center: Oct. 17, 2008

Want to Read a Good (Free) Book?

. . . organize a Faculty Book Circle. Each Book Circle should have at least five faculty members from at least two different departments. The Center will purchase the book for all the members of each circle, which must agree to meet at least three times over the course of the academic year to discuss the book. A current Faculty Book Circle is discussing the writing of Jonathan Edwards. Other circles in the past have considered *Gender and Grace*, "Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" *The Orthodox Way*, and *Leaving the Lectern*. Books can be theological, pedagogical, scholarly, or literary—your choice. Just contact me if you are interested in organizing a book circle.

CFP: Christians on Diversity in the Academy

An interdisciplinary forum where scholars and practitioners can dialogue and learn about diversity in higher education and how we as Christians respond to the issues, the second annual national conference of Christians on Diversity in the Academy will take place on March 25-27, 2009, in Monrovia, CA. Proposals relating to themes of diversity within all areas of higher education in the United States are invited, including topics such as career development; educational outcomes; from theory to practice; culture, religion, education, and diversity; and interdisciplinary approaches. Proposals must be submitted online at www.apu.edu/christiansondiversity. Proposals may be submitted as paper presentation, symposium, panel discussion, workshop, or poster session. Presenters must be registered for the conference at the time of presentation but are not required to be registered to submit a presentation proposal. Proposals will be peer-reviewed. The CDS conference is sponsored by Azusa Pacific University's Office of Diversity Planning & Assessment and Faculty of Color Network. Submission deadline: Midnight, PST, Friday, Nov. 14, 2008.

WOW! Day of Common Learning

On Wednesday we experienced another record-breaking Day of Common Learning. Thanks to all who participated, especially those faculty who contributed their expertise to the rich variety of afternoon sessions. Attendance at the two afternoon sessions totaled 1514 students, faculty, and staff (compared to last year's 1454). An estimated 2100 people heard the plenary address of Nicholas Wolterstorff on "Beauty, Love, Justice, and Worship." The plenary address and six of the afternoon breakout sessions will soon be available on Podcast at SPU's own iTunes University. We'll keep you posted.

Enjoying fall at last,



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